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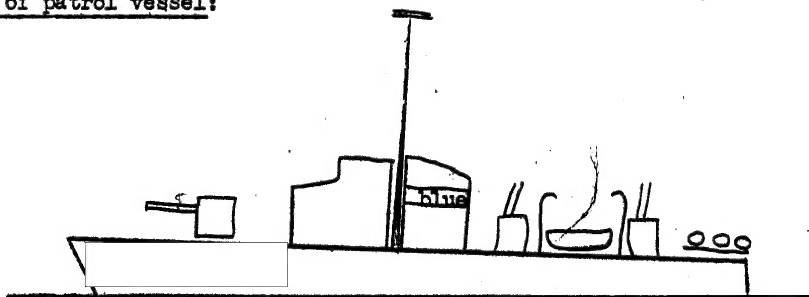
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When [] ship was approaching Ventspils in a fog [] 25X1
 [] the local radio station was asked for a position. The speed with 25X1
 which the station answered, was astonishing. It almost seemed as if
 the station had been expecting such a request and had been plotting
 the position of the ship. The position given was precise. In Ventspils, 25X1
 above the Harbor Master's office, there was a radar dome similar to that
 fitted in Soviet MTB's.. During the approach to Ventspils, with visi-
 bility never above 2 to 3 miles, a patrol vessel accompanied the ship
 into harbor. This vessel was about 160 to 180 feet long with a flush
 deck [] It had one funnel with a cowl and blue
 band painted around it, and one mast between the bridge and the funnel.
 It was armed with one gun of about four inch caliber in a shield on the
 forecastle deck and two twin light A.A. mountings on the centerline abaft 25X1
 the funnel. It also had depth charges on a rack or rails leading to the
 stern. A paraboloid antenna was mounted on top of the mast. This was a
 small radar antenna and was estimated to be about 18 to 24 inches long.
 (See sketch) Several vessels of the same type as described above were alongside the
 southern bank of the harbor. 25X1

Sketch of patrol vessel:

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